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- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 - A Request for Extension of Time.

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In response to the Official Action dated May 21, 2004, in which a threemonth shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.